

REMARKS

The purpose of this Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.312 is for several purposes:

1. To change "Method" to --A method--.
2. To correct the English in claim 1 by changing "countercurrent" and "co-current" to --countercurrently-- and --co-currently--.
3. To change the language "consists of" to --comprises-- in dependent claims 3, 4 and 7, noting that claim 1 uses "open" terminology: "comprising" and "constituted by".
4. To modify claims 12 and 13 so that they are set forth in more conventional U.S. form.

This amendment will facilitate a better understanding of the invention. If there are any unforeseen issues regarding the amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone Counsel at the number indicated below. If Counsel is unavailable, please telephone Ms. Richardson at 703-812-5326 and she will be happy to enlist the services of another attorney.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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